

**JOINT PROCLAMATION OF APPRECIATION
BETWEEN
THE KOREA FLOUR MILLS INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION (KOFMIA)
AND
THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

The State of North Dakota and the North Dakota Wheat Commission warmly welcome representatives of the Korea Flour Mills Industrial Association on their 2003 Korea-America Goodwill Mission.

The bond between our two countries and the friendship between the U.S. wheat industry and the private Korean mills are long-standing and deserving of celebration.

Fifty years ago, in 1953, Korea rebuilt its first flour mill, taking the initial step toward developing one of the most sophisticated milling industries in the world. Four small roller-type mills previously established in the south part of Korea had been completely destroyed during the Korean War.

The relationship between the Korea Flour Mills Industrial Association and the U.S. wheat industry has grown stronger in each of the ensuing 50 years, with collaboration and cooperation on improving wheat varieties and enhancing end-product uses.

The first shipment of U.S. wheat to Korea was delivered as Public Law 480 humanitarian assistance in 1956. Since the 1950s, Korea has imported nearly 65 million tons (2.4 billion bushels) of U.S. wheat making it one of the world's leading customers.

These purchases by Korea's flour mills are especially valued by North Dakota farmers as they include significant shares of the premium Dark Northern Spring wheat for which the state is known. Korea has become the fifth largest overseas market for U.S. Dark Northern Spring wheat.

The State of North Dakota congratulates the Korean flour milling industry for an enviable record of 50 years of progress and innovation.

The Korea Flour Mills Industrial Association thanks the U.S. wheat industry, the farmers and export professionals, who have actively been contributing to the growth of the Korean milling industry by ensuring a steady wheat supply.

In recognition of a strong partnership that has been mutually beneficial to Korean industry, U.S. agriculture, and the consumers of both nations, KOFMIA and the State of North Dakota, in a spirit of understanding and cooperation, jointly proclaim their dedication to maintaining and strengthening their friendship and trade relations.

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